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## Track & Suspension





#### Challenges we have:

- Delivering lightweight, survivable, durable track systems with common architectures
- Modular advanced suspension systems, with energy regeneration, and Electronic Stability Control
- Durable, fire resistant elastomer components

#### Solutions we are investigating:







#### Where we need your help:

- Identify opportunities to reduce track system weight, reduce rolling resistance, and optimize presently fielded designs for commonality
- Increase efficiencies of energy regenerative suspensions, and integrate advanced preview sensing to suspension control algorithms
- Develop fire resistant, durable elastomers, advance the integration of nano materials in elastomer formulations



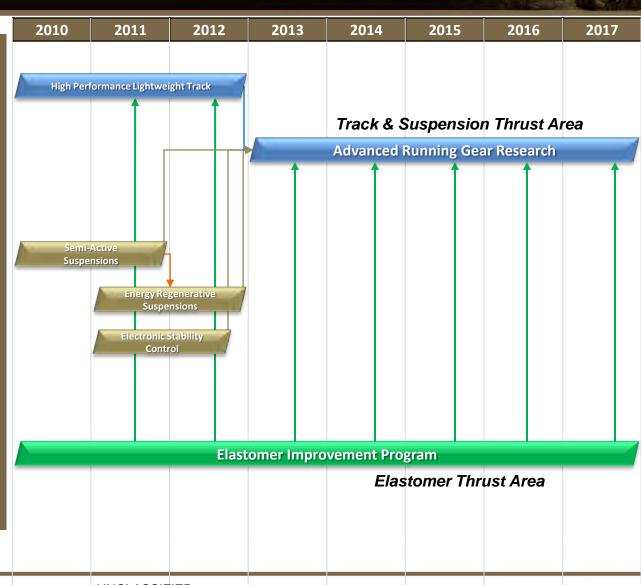
# Projects Current & Future



 Reduce track system weight, increase off-road stability and performance

 Develop common track architectures, reduce rolling resistance, increase platform agility, stability and mobility

 Increase track system durability and fire resistance





# Laboratory Capability Current & Future



### **Current Capability**





Elastomer Roadmap

- EIP Laboratory
  - Characterization / Performance Testing
  - Life Cycle Testing
  - Failure Analysis

### **Future Capability**





- EIP Laboratory +
  - Full Pitch Test Machine
  - Trailer Test Rig
  - Elastomer Material Formulation
  - Material → Component → System
    Testing

Elastomer Improvement Program



# Track & Suspension Technology Thrusts





#### **FOCUS ON THE SYSTEM**



